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Addendum

IV. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

D. Evaluation (continued)

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

1. At its 8th meeting, held on 11 May 1993, the Committee considered the progress report on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (E/AC.51/1993/3).

Discussion

2. In his introductory statement, the representative of UNRWA noted that an objective evaluation of the success or failure of UNRWA in implementing its programmes could not be adequately performed without taking into account the political context within which it operated and the ways in which this affected the programme and its delivery.

3. A number of delegations felt that the report was a comprehensive review of the whole programme and therefore met the requirements set for it. Several delegations expressed concern over the financing of UNRWA and felt it was necessary to enlarge the donor base and to study ways by which the Agency could become more solvent. Several delegations expressed concern over the methodology to be used in the in-depth report. In this connection, the effectiveness of questionnaires to elicit information was discussed.

[4. In the course of the debate the following changes in the proposals contained in paragraphs 86 to 94 were proposed:

(a) Paragraph 86 should read as follows:

Issues: The [usefulness and] adequacy of ... (the rest of the paragraph remains the same).

(b) Paragraph 94 should read as follows:

Issues: The coverage of the [original] mandate and ... (the rest of the paragraph remains the same).

(c) Paragraph 92 should read as follows:

Issues: Adequacy of general policies and practices concerning cooperation and coordination between the various organizations and departments of the United Nations system and UNRWA [and UNRWA and NGOs] with particular attention to the effectiveness of joint projects and of inter-agency procedures.]

Conclusions and recommendations

[5. The Committee endorsed the recommendations contained in paras. ____ to ____ of the report [with changes noted in para. 4 above.]] [The Committee took note of the report and decided not to continue with the in-depth evaluation of UNRWA.]